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New Bedford

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J. H. Bodwell
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Ans

Salem

As it respects the revival in Farmington I hardly know what to say. Out on the farms it seems progressing slowly. meetings frequent and very well attended. Mary expects to unite with the Church the first Sabbath in June. she appears very well. and seems advancing in the Christian course. I think it possible she has found one among the young converts who will prove in due time a companion for life. She and her mother have moved to uncle A's house Jonathan concludes to stay in Winterville. has bargained for his mother Caldwell's place. Erastus P. has hired out to a Mr Flagg in West Hartford. I think he appears ^{well} as to his religious feelings. Mr Jerry Wilcox has taken your farm and lives in the old house. As to money matters your mother gets along well. She is able to send you the sum for which you wrote without discommoding herself at all.

I have not forgotten that I am indebted to you for a letter - should have written before now but did not know where you was till I came here - shall write you soon after I get home. O my Cousin I have had a joyless Sabbath. Could not go to join in the worship of God's House but have been necessitated to spend by far too much of this day for the world. O what a dangerous snare to grace I hope next Sabbath to be where I may spend it in the praise of God's House Your Friend in haste
P. Bodwell

Your mother has left the money you sent for with Tillotson to be forwarded to Andover as soon as convenient. When she conversed with him he thought it rather doubtful whether he went back to Andover but said he would forward it by a gentleman in Hartford, in case he should not.

Sabbath Evening Again I sat myself to continue my letter. I saw your Friend Tillotson the evening after I received your letter and in an abrupt manner introduced myself to him by enquiring if he had heard from you. He said he had not and wished to know what you was doing. I told him what you had written and likewise what you requested of him, all excepting where you wished him to pay those little debts. He informed me that he should probably go back in the course of three weeks and would attend to your business with his own.

You enquire what he is doing and what the effects of his labour - as it respects his activity. I can say to you his efforts are great, his zeal unwearied and to appearance it seems that slumbering souls must be aroused to activity by his sound of alarm. What will be the result of his labours here God only knows. - I hope much good may be done by him. - I think you had better write him if you have not and give him the directions yourself. - as it may be your mother will not see him again.

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Dear Cousin Amos

I have just received yours of May 15th directed to your Mother. With her permission I have broke the seal and read the contents. And by her request I now proceed to give an answer. But first I will let you know where she is. Having heard where Clough is and also that there might be a faint prospect of getting a part of her debt against him she has gone to him. She started this morning, thinking to arrive where he is to morrow about noon. the distance about one hundred and fifty miles. the place is Salem. Washington County N.Y. He is expecting to take the benefit of an insolvent debtor in that State on Monday the 25th inst. She would have delayed going till she had seen you but thought it rather uncertain where he might be. She has gone however with a faint hope. expects to return next week. will call on Mrs Fairton on her way. another of her creditors. I shall leave the rest for her to relate when she sees you which will of course be an interesting narrative. She has left me to take care of her concerns till she comes back. She likes boarding Canal men so well that we have five of them to board at the present time. They are however willing to pay their board bill in advance so that there is no risk in keeping them.